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John Leeman will be available to assist with this on Monday, 9/9.

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Subject: Cedar Chemical

Bob, this one is yours. Barbara, please serve as Bob's "mentor" on this.

Bob, contact state ASAP and make arrangements to obtain copy of state files ASAP. (Janice, can one of the SEEs help, or should we task contractor?) Bob, also contact RCRA (Nancy Fagan?) and see what information they have. Check with RCRA file room.

Vena, add to site assignment list.

Carl, add to Enforcement First list.

As soon as we know something, let's meet to discuss.

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Mike Bates called me this afternoon about Cedar Chemical, a 50 acre site in West Helena, AR. This is a pesticide producing and processing facility which has filed for chap 11 bankruptcy and is on the verge of abandonment, according to ADEQ. Contaminants of concern include many pesticides, primarily Dinoseb, which was manufactured there. Stormwater runoff is a concern - there is currently a collection and treatment system, but, if Cedar walks off the site, it will cease to operate. There is also a large ground water plume, which may extend a mile from the site. No domestic users, but there are crop irrigation wells in the aquifer - one has already been shut down. Buried drums of dinoseb have been found at the site in the past, and there is supposed to be a vault under a warehouse which contains materials.

Vertac sold the plant to Cedar in 1986. There may be generator PRPs who sent pesticides to the plant for processing. Plant was a RCRA protective filer. ADEQ issued a RCRA order for drum removal in the early 90's. No known financial assurance.

Follow up:

1. Mike would like removal folks to contact David Hartley ASAP, as stormwater management may be an immediate concern. Charlie/Ragan - can you follow up on this?
2. Buddy - sounds like we need to initiate some PRP search work, as removal and remedial work may be necessary at the site.
3. Mark Peycke - any way to get our oar in the bankruptcy waters?
4. Mark Potts/Steve Gilrein - Mike said Nancy Fagan was gathering data on this and 2 other sites using a contractor. Should we have a "One Cleanup Program" consultation meeting to discuss RCRA/CERCLA interaction on this site?

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